

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:15 CR 85-10**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>Vs.</b>	)	<b>ORDER</b>
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<b>AMANDA BROOKE McKINNEY.</b>	)	
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**THIS CAUSE** coming on to be heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this Court on August 24, 2016. It appeared to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with her attorney, Marcos Roberts and the Government was present and represented through AUSA Don Gast. From the arguments of counsel for Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

**Findings.** On September 15, 2015 a bill of indictment (#1) was issued charging the Defendant with conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 and possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). On August 24, 2016 the undersigned held an inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and

accepted a plea of guilty of the Defendant to the charge of conspiracy to traffic in methamphetamine. At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this Court presented the issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

**Discussion.** 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears Defendant has entered a plea of guilty to 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). That crime is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(C).

The undersigned made an inquiry of AUSA Don Gast as to whether or not there will be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Gast advised the Court that such a recommendation could not be made in this matter. Due to the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is

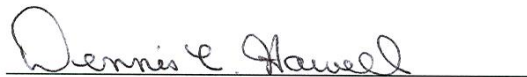
a likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted.

It would thus appear, and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is required to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) which mandate the detention of Defendant.

### **ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED**, that the terms and conditions of pretrial release in this matter are hereby revoked and it is **ORDERED** that the Defendant be detained pending further proceedings in this matter. This Order is entered without prejudice to the Defendant filing a motion requesting a hearing concerning the issue of if there are extraordinary circumstances that would warrant the release of Defendant.

Signed: August 30, 2016



Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

